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SUBJ: STATEMENT BY MRS. GANDHI ON DIEGO GARCIA

RF: NEW DELHI 1903

1. TEJA OF MEA TELEPHONED CHARGE ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 7 TO RESPOND TO EMBASSY REQUEST FOR TEXT OF MRS. GANDHI'S REPORTED REMARKS ON DIEGO GARCIA. TEJA SAID THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET AUTHENTIC INFORMATION REGARDING WHAT HAD BEEN SAID. NO TEXT HAD BEEN ISSUED AS THE REMARKS HAD BEEN MADE AT A POLITICAL RALLY. TEJA SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY DID NOT BELIEVE THAT MRS. GANDHI WOULD HAVE SAID WHAT THE PRESS TICKER HAS ATTRIBUTED TO HER. HE EXPLAINED THAT SHE HAD UNDOUBTEDLY MADE HER SPEECH IN HINDI, THAT THE TRANSLATION

INTO ENGLISH PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR MISQUOTATION. HE SAID THAT INDIA'S POSITION HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE FOREIGN MINISTER (NL DELHI 1901).

2. THE CHARGE REPLIED THAT HE HAD REPORTED MRS. GANDHI'S REMARKS AS CARRIED BY THE PRESS TICKER TO THE DEPARTMENT AND ALSO REPORTED THAT HE HAD ASKED FOR A TEXT FROM MEA. THIS WAS A MATTER OF SOME CONSEQUENCE AND HE STILL WANTED TO KNOW WHAT MRS. GANDHI HAD SAID. TEJA REPLIED THAT HE HAD CONVEYED THE CHARGE'S REQUEST TO THE PROPER QUARTERS, WOULD CONTINUE TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER, AND BE BACK IN TOUCH. HE DIDN'T SAY WHEN. SCHNEIDER

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